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the level of methylation at the genetic locus of SEQ ID NO: 11 in the genomic DNA obtained from the sample being determined by high-resolution melt (HRM) analysis, HRM comprising the steps of:

- i) isolating the genomic DNA from the sample and optionally, the control sample;
- ii) treating the isolated genomic DNA with bisulfite;
- iii) polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplifying the genetic locus of SEQ ID NO: 11 to produce the corresponding amplicon, the PCR amplifying being performed using a primer pair comprising SEQ ID NOs: 12 and 13; and
- iv) determining the melting temperature of the amplicon; and
- v) identifying the sample as containing, or not containing, the blood cell based on the melting temperature of the amplicon corresponding to the genetic locus of SEQ ID NO: 11 in the genomic DNA isolated from the sample.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the control sample is obtained from a known blood cell or a cell other than the blood cell known to have methylation level at SEQ ID NO: 11 to be different from the methylation level at SEQ ID NO: 11 in the known blood cell.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the cell other than the blood cell is a vaginal epithelial cell, a buccal cell, or a sperm.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the sample is a forensic sample.

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5. The method of claim 1, wherein the sample is processed to separate a cell suspected to be the blood cell before step (i) of isolating the genetic material.

6. A method for determining the level of methylation at the genetic locus of SEQ ID NO: 11 in a genomic DNA isolated from a cell, the method comprising the steps of:

- i) isolating the genomic DNA from the cell;
- ii) treating the isolated genomic DNA with bisulfite;
- iii) PCR amplifying the genetic locus of SEQ ID NO: 11 to produce the corresponding amplicon, the PCR amplifying being performed using a primer pair comprising SEQ ID NOs: 12 and 13; and
- iv) determining the melting temperature of the amplicon; and
- v) identifying the level of methylation at the genetic locus of SEQ ID NO: 11 in the genomic DNA isolated from the cell based on the melting temperature of the amplicon produced in step iii).

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the cell is isolated from a forensic sample.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the cell isolated from the forensic sample is suspected to be a blood cell.

9. A kit comprising a primer comprising SEQ ID NO: 12 and a primer comprising SEQ ID NO: 13.

10. The kit of claim 9, further comprising one or more primer pairs selected from:

- i) SEQ ID NOs: 2 and 3,
- ii) SEQ ID NOs: 7 and 8, and
- iii) SEQ ID NOs: 17 and 18.

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